

Senate Resolution 1154

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Staton of the 18th, Rogers of the 21st, Harp of the 29th,
Wiles of the 37th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Carl V. Patton upon the occasion of his retirement from
2 Georgia State University; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carl V. Patton has served as president of Georgia State University for 16 years,
4 and during his tenure Georgia State has transformed from what was considered a commuter
5 school into a vibrant research university which is home to more than 27,000 students
6 representing every county in the state, every state in the nation, and more than 169 countries;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia State launched a university-wide academic
9 strategic planning effort, complemented by a \$500 million Main Street Master Plan that
10 produced 12 new or renovated campus facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2006, President Patton announced the \$1 billion updated master plan that will
12 bring to the campus more student housing, a university science park, a professional education
13 center for law and business, and a new humanities building; and

14 WHEREAS, with each new freshman class, Georgia State University continues to see its best
15 and brightest students who post the highest grade point averages in the university's history;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's research dollars have more than tripled during Dr.
18 Patton's presidency; and

19 WHEREAS, President Patton has fostered a "spirit of innovation" creating a university with
20 limitless potential as a source for individual development and the improvement of society;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, his focus on recruitment of world-class faculty, strengthened academic
2 programs, and improved campus infrastructure continues to increase recognition for Georgia
3 State University through national rankings, peer journals, and media reports; and

4 WHEREAS, President Patton has strived to make Georgia State University a part of the city
5 of Atlanta, not apart from it, yet keeping the university campus feel; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been honored with the "Visionary Award" from the Atlanta Business
7 Chronicle, was inducted into *Georgia Trend* magazine's 100 Most Influential Georgians Hall
8 of Fame, and received the Dan Sweat Award from Central Atlanta Progress; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Patton has served as a role model for others by his service to community
10 boards, the Georgia Aquarium, Grady Hospital, and other organizations focused on public
11 service.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 recognize President Carl V. Patton on the occasion of his retirement, commend him for his
14 exemplary service to Georgia State University, his community, and this state, and extend
15 their most sincere wishes for health and happiness in the future.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
17 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Carl V. Patton.